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## Summary of Work

During the period June 9 through June 18, 1992, an intensive radiosounding program was conducted to measure atmospheric profiles of the wind velocity, the temperature and the specific humidity. The launch site was located near site MS000 in the northeastern part of the catchment of the Little Washita River; this location was selected in order to ensure that the measured profiles would reflect the catchment's surface features for the prevailing southwesterly winds during this time of the year. The launch times of the rawinsondes are shown in Table 1.

The measurements were carried out by a team from Cornell University consisting of Wilfried Brutsaert and Nelson Dias.

The radiosounding equipment used was manufactured by Atmospheric Instrumentation Research (AIR), Boulder, Colorado. The ground station was compact enough that it could be placed inside a 9 x 12 ft tent. The radiosonde system (AIR-3A, spin type) consisted of disposable sondes with dry- and wet-bulb temperature and pressure sensors, of a receiving unit on the ground, and of an optical theodolite to track the sonde. During flight the sonde, attached to a balloon, measures the data in cycles of approximately 4.8s in the following sequence: dry-bulb temperature is measured at time zero; 0.6 and 1.8s later, wet-bulb temperature and pressure are measured, respectively; then after approximately 3.0s the dry-bulb temperature measurement is made again to begin the next cycle. According to the manufacturer, the response of the pressure sensor is practically instantaneous, but the dry- and wet-bulb sensors have time constants of 3 and 12s, respectively. Because of these time constants, it is necessary to further process the data if they are to be used for analysis in the boundary layer. One possible procedure for this purpose was outlined by Sugita and Brutsaert (*Journal of Geophysical Research*, 95(D6), 7617-7624, 1990). The height,  $y$ , of the sonde can be obtained from the pressure, temperature and humidity. The horizontal distance between the sonde and the release point can be calculated from the elevation angle measured by the theodolite and from  $y$ . This, in turn, with the measured azimuth angle yields the horizontal position of the sonde. Finally, successive horizontal positions allow the calculation of average wind velocity and direction over the interval; these average values are then to be assigned to the midpoint of the interval. For 5s cycles, and with typical balloon ascent rates of around 3 to 4 m/s, the vertical resolution of the measurements was around 15 to 20 m. The sounding was generally aborted above 600 hPa (i.e., 600 mb). In Table 2, an example is shown of the data that were obtained from the rawinsonde ascents. These are level-zero, i.e., uncorrected measurements and processed in a preliminary fashion with the manufacturer's software.

Following time of day (CDST) and date, the raw or primary data shown are pressure (mb), dry bulb temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C), wet bulb temperature, azimuth angle (degrees), elevation angle; the other data (namely height, mixing ratio, potential temperature, wind speed, wind direction, height of wind speed, and relative humidity) were calculated from the primary data. The profile data measured during this campaign are now available and ready for distribution.

Table 1  
Actual Launch Times of the Soundings (CDST)

Day	Date					
161	92/06/09		1150		1540	1800
162	92/06/10	0931	1102	1307	1530	1800
163	92/06/11	0929	1059	1302	1531	1800
164	92/06/12	0932	1059	1308	1529	1800
165	92/06/13	0934	1102	1302	1530	1800
166	92/06/14	0927	1059	1302	1531	1757
167	92/06/15	0931	1056	1301	1530	1800
168	92/06/16	0932	1100	1303	1530	1805
169	92/06/17	0931	1102	1300	1530	1801
170	92/06/18	0931	1100	1302	1532	1800

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Table 2

	1471	920618	972.9	1472	17800	17800	17800	17800	17800	17800	17800	17800	17800	17800	17800
093101	-1.01	910.9	0.	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34	28.34
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093106	920618	972.6	0.	28.72	25.10	19.42	304.26	14.54	6.87	0.00	270.0	-0.	74.8	0.	74.8
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093057	920618	972.9	-0.	28.34	24.38	18.37	303.87	14.54	6.87	0.00	270.0	-0.	72.4	0.	72.4
093104	920618	972.9	0.	28.25	24.16	18.03	303.78	14.54	6.87	0.00	270.0	-0.	71.5	0.	71.5
093108	920618	972.9	-0.	28.36	24.05	17.60	303.89	14.54	6.87	0.00	270.0	-0.	70.2	0.	70.2
093113	920618	972.9	-0.	28.23	23.91	17.62	303.75	14.54	6.87	0.00	270.0	-0.	70.0	0.	70.0
093118	920618	972.9	-0.	28.22	23.91	17.48	303.74	15.68	6.25	0.00	270.0	-0.	69.5	0.	69.5
093122	920618	972.9	-1.	28.12	23.71	17.36	303.64	15.68	6.88	0.00	270.0	-0.	69.4	0.	69.4
093127	920618	972.9	-1.	27.93	23.57	17.20	303.45	15.84	6.47	0.00	270.0	-1.	69.6	0.	69.6
093131	920618	972.9	-1.	27.66	23.36	16.99	303.18	15.83	6.47	0.00	270.0	-1.	69.8	0.	69.8
093136	920618	971.4	13.	27.67	23.22	16.79	303.32	17.94	15.38	0.00	270.0	6.	68.9	0.	68.9
093141	920618	969.1	35.	27.19	23.10	16.85	303.05	22.94	19.99	21.89	202.9	24.	70.5	0.	70.5
093145	920618	967.4	50.	26.50	22.80	16.72	302.50	26.92	20.83	5.83	222.1	42.	73.2	0.	73.2
093150	920618	965.5	67.	26.10	22.49	16.45	302.26	29.13	21.66	8.18	216.6	59.	73.6	0.	73.6
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093159	920618	962.0	99.	25.66	22.15	16.18	302.14	33.11	23.43	4.40	227.2	92.	74.1	0.	74.1
093204	920618	960.5	113.	25.51	22.04	16.10	302.12	35.05	23.30	9.48	224.9	106.	74.3	0.	74.3
093209	920618	958.8	129.	25.39	21.93	16.02	302.15	36.92	23.29	6.12	234.7	121.	74.3	0.	74.3
093213	920618	957.2	143.	25.25	21.82	15.94	302.15	37.78	23.49	9.04	223.8	136.	74.4	0.	74.4
093218	920618	955.4	160.	25.05	21.73	15.93	302.11	38.63	23.67	5.67	229.4	152.	75.1	0.	75.1
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093227	920618	952.5	187.	24.87	21.55	15.78	302.20	39.08	23.20	9.43	219.6	180.	75.0	0.	75.0
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093236	920618	949.5	215.	24.60	21.41	15.75	302.20	39.14	22.71	7.46	224.2	208.	75.8	0.	75.8
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093250	920618	945.0	257.	24.28	21.22	15.69	302.29	39.57	22.36	5.89	221.0	250.	76.6	0.	76.6

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094012	920618	816.3	1537.	19.34	15.89	12.56	309.97	49.70	24.20	5.71	163.2	1530.
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094058	920618	805.3	1654.	18.18	15.33	12.50	309.95	46.41	25.10	4.89	118.1	1649.
094103	920618	804.2	1666.	18.08	15.27	12.49	309.96	46.13	25.10	6.45	190.5	1660.
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094117	920618	801.0	1701.	17.74	15.13	12.50	309.96	45.13	25.23	6.39	158.7	1695.
094121	920618	799.9	1711.	17.62	15.08	12.51	309.93	44.81	25.25	6.83	186.0	1706.
094126	920618	798.9	1722.	17.51	15.03	12.51	309.94	44.54	25.34	3.67	125.7	1717.
094131	920618	797.7	1735.	17.41	14.99	12.53	309.96	44.31	25.39	7.14	197.8	1799.

094135	920618	786.7	1748.	17.70	14.95	12.50	309.98	40.41	25.47	5.17	141.5	1749.	89.7
094140	920618	785.7	1750.	17.71	14.96	12.51	309.98	40.47	25.51	5.18	141.5	1750.	89.7
094145	920618	784.6	1752.	17.72	14.95	12.51	309.98	40.48	25.51	5.17	141.5	1752.	89.7
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094236	920618	782.8	1897.	15.51	14.24	12.45	310.03	40.51	26.12	4.66	170.4	1890.	85.0
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